

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A method of ~~The invention relates to~~ stone sawing without acute noise. Acute noise, ~~which~~ is produced by the direct friction between the metal bands and the stones, reaches and can reach levels greater than 90 db at a distance of 1.5 m between ~~said~~ the bands and the measuring apparatus. By increasing the concentration of grit in the sludge and reducing the size of ~~same~~ the grit, the concentration of grit particles can be sufficiently increased such that the bands do not rub against the stone and the annoying acute noise disappears, enabling ~~an increased feed~~ rendering possible an increased advancement and smaller cost.

A clean copy of the Substitute Abstract is attached.

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.